



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 17, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions and below normal temperatures continued through the middle of this week. Planting progressed rapidly for small grains, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, potatoes and spring vegetables. Cold soil temperatures and frosty nights continued to suppress crop development, however. Though corn planting was well ahead of normal, corn emergence was close to normal. Hay stands were still short, and some reporters noted that fall alfalfa plantings did not make it through the winter. One reporter noted frost damage to blooming orchards and commented that fruit producers were expecting yield losses. Heavy rain fell on Sunday, halting fieldwork but improving dry soil conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 2% very short, 9% short, 74% adequate and 15% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 1% very short, 6% short, 74% adequate and 19% surplus.

Spring tillage was 91% complete, 27 days ahead of last year and 15 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 81% complete, 25 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Corn emerged was 15%, 11 days ahead of last year and 2 days behind the average.

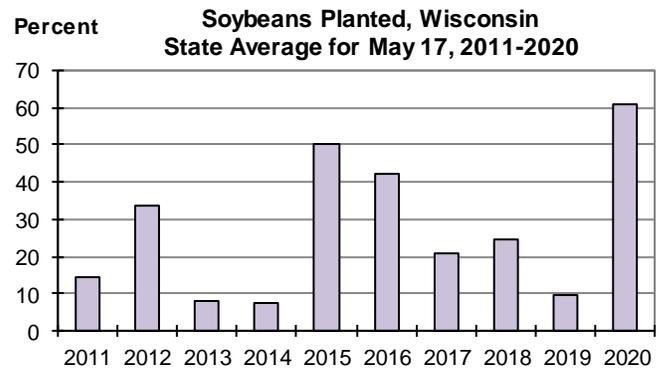
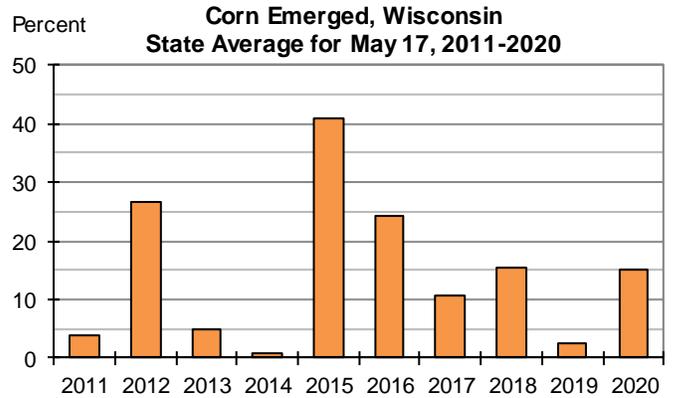
Soybean planting was 61% complete, 24 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average.

Oats planted were reported as 88% complete, 21 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Oats emerged was 56%, 16 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average.

Potato planting was 80% complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

Winter wheat was rated 69% in good to excellent condition statewide, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 63% in good to excellent condition, improving 4 percentage points from last week.



Crop Condition as of May 17, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Hay, All.....	2	5	38	40	15
Oats	0	1	20	59	20
Pasture & range	2	9	26	43	20
Winter wheat	1	7	23	48	21

Crop Progress as of May 17, 2020

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
	(percent)												
Corn planted.....	82	58	66	84	76	71	92	87	86	81	59	29	59
Corn emerged	7	0	2	26	9	7	26	14	25	15	3	2	19
Oats planted.....	91	61	80	93	91	90	94	99	99	88	74	55	77
Oats emerged.....	52	21	40	51	42	40	88	89	91	56	36	25	51
Soybeans planted.....	53	54	61	64	51	58	68	63	62	61	35	10	30
Soybeans emerged	1	0	1	8	3	4	10	5	10	6	0	0	4
Spring tillage	86	70	86	97	91	89	97	93	95	91	79	55	74

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 17, 2020

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)											
Days suitable.....	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.6	5.3	6.2	4.2
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very Short	2	1	6	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	3	0
Short	3	0	10	21	17	6	3	6	9	9	13	0
Adequate.....	80	83	66	75	77	50	93	79	58	74	76	61
Surplus	15	16	18	2	3	42	3	15	33	15	8	39
Subsoil moisture												
Very Short	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Short	3	1	0	13	14	2	1	6	10	6	6	0
Adequate.....	84	69	58	83	79	51	95	78	59	74	82	62
Surplus.....	12	30	42	1	6	47	4	16	31	19	11	38

